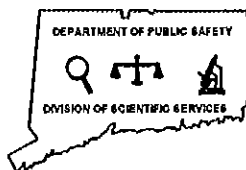




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#### **SB 34 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

***The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.***

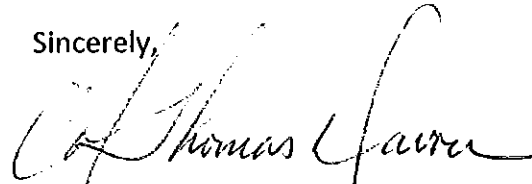
The Department of Public Safety would like to thank Governor Rell for her proposal regarding computer crimes against children.

The law enforcement community faces continuing challenges combating sophisticated use of technology by those who prey upon children. The strategies used to commit crimes against children are continually changing and becoming more sophisticated. These criminals are capable of using gaps in the law, where it has not kept pace with technology, to exploit children and to hide their activities. This bill will fix one of those gaps and help to protect our children by addressing a use of technology that is not currently covered by statute. This language is in section 1 of the bill, which is aimed at individuals that solicit minors over the internet and then coerce them into providing naked images of themselves or into performing sexual acts over webcams or cell phones.

Section 2 of this proposal would make it easier for law enforcement to provide required statutory notification to an individual whose subscriber information has been obtained through an ex parte order. In most cases after the information has been obtained direct contact is made with the individual. It would simplify required procedure to supply the individual with notification first hand during this contact rather than later by mail.

Making sure that our laws keep pace with a rapidly changing world is essential to protect our children. Passage of this bill is essential to that ongoing effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colonel Thomas Davoren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "C".

Colonel Thomas Davoren  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER